



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Safe Surfing

by Sergeant Williams

Although I can't help you find the perfect wave, I can provide you with some tips that can help keep you and your family safe while surfing the web. It's true the Internet can be a useful tool for families allowing us to do banking, shopping and research online. Additionally, it provides access to people and places we would not be able to experience on our own. However, as the Internet grows, so does the number of people looking to take advantage of its users. Take a minute to look at this list of recommendations that can help you and your family "surf" safely.

The first thing we need to understand about the Internet is it is a unique medium. Unlike television, radio and magazines, the Internet is:

- *Interactive* - your child can interact with anyone from your home, their friends' homes, their school or a public library.
- *Accommodating* - it allows any user, anywhere, to post any information, including materials that are inaccurate, misleading and inappropriate for children.
- *Unrestricted* - it provides no restrictions in advertising to children.
- *Anonymous* - it enables its users to assume any identity they wish.

Make sure your children understand these hazards and limit their exposure to potential problems by taking the following actions:

- Keep the computer in a family area to better monitor your child's activity.
- Regularly spend time online with your child to learn about his or her interests and activities.
- Accompany your child in chat rooms until he or she learns your safety rules.

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## Message from Commander Sean Duggan

Our first, and perhaps most important, operational goal is to prevent crime and disorder as the primary mission of policing. Crime prevention promotes the health and welfare of a community instead of merely curing illnesses (crimes). It reduces the threat of crime on the front end and enhances the sense of security and quality of life within the community. Historically, police departments have spent an incredible amount of time, money, energy and effort investigating crimes *after* they occur. Our focus in District 1 is to spend our resources at the *front-end* in order to prevent the crime from happening in the first place. In order to accomplish this goal, we must paint an accurate picture of what is happening in our community and surrounding areas. This is achieved by relying on three main sources of information:

1. *Crime data*: We utilize crime analysis data to help plot what is happening, where and when it is occurring and to identify emerging patterns and trends.
2. *Police observation*: We receive input from officers on the street who have unique and first-hand perspectives, as well as from detectives following up on cases and working with their peers in other jurisdictions.
3. *Community input*: We rely on the community to provide us information and to bring forward their issues and concerns.

The first line of defense against crime and disorder begins with the community. Policing and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. For more information about crime prevention, please contact Officer Kory Sneed at (480) 312 - 0275 or at [sneed@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:sneed@scottsdaleaz.gov)

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## Safe Surfing (continued)

- Teach your child to terminate any experience online when he or she feels uncomfortable or scared by pressing the back key, logging off, and telling a trusted adult as soon as possible.
- Explain that people are not always who they say they are.
- Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting.
- Know who your child is e-mailing or instant messaging.
- Set time limits for Internet usage.
- Establish strict rules about ordering products (and then monitor credit card bills).
- Teach your child never to give out personal information such as his or her name, address, school name or address, or anything else that is personally identifying.
- For more information on Internet safety visit [www.getnetwise.com](http://www.getnetwise.com) or contact Crime Prevention Officer Kory Sneed (480) 312-0275 or at [sneed@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:sneed@scottsdaleaz.gov)

## Residential Burglars Target Seniors

Over the past few months, a team of residential burglars victimized some Scottsdale residents along with residents from Tempe, Phoenix and Chandler. The male and female suspects are posing as a married couple carrying a child. The female suspect carrying a child knocks on the resident's door and attempts to distract them. Once the resident is distracted, the male subject goes into the house and attempts to take high-dollar jewelry and cash. The suspects have been described as:

*Female* - Caucasian or Hispanic, approximately 25 years old, 5'3" tall and approximately 110 pounds

*Male* - Caucasian or Hispanic, approximately 30 years old, 5'4" to 5'8" tall and approximately 160 pounds

Here are some tips to help avoid being a crime victim:

- Use an eye viewer (peephole) on your door so you can see who has knocked.
- Do not open your door to anyone you do not recognize or are not expecting.
- Install and use a metal security screen door should you choose to keep your open your door.
- Make sure your carport or porch is well lit for recognition of nighttime guests.
- Use motion sensor lights in and around your doors and carport.
- Should you notice the couple described above in this article, please call **9-1-1**.

## Traffic Safety Zone

District 1 personnel will be providing increased traffic enforcement in the area of Camelback Road and Hayden Road during the month of February. Please drive carefully.

## Calendar of Events

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Artfest of Fifth Avenue

February 10-12, 2006

Fifth Avenue from Scottsdale Rd. to Goldwater Blvd.

For more information call 888-278-3378 or visit

[www.888artfest.com](http://www.888artfest.com)

### Parada del Sol Parade

February 18th, 2006 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Scottsdale Rd. between Oak St. and Indian School Rd.

For more information call (480) 990-3179 or visit

[www.paradadelsol.org](http://www.paradadelsol.org)

### Winfield Scott Day

Commemorate the birthday of Scottsdale's founder, Army Chaplain Winfield Scott. The celebration will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 28 in the breezeway of the Pepperwood Building, 7340 Scottsdale Mall.

For more information call Roberta Pilcher at (480) 990-1690.

## The Scottsdale Police Department



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